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Title: Regarding not to implement the recommendation of the reports of Gujaral Committee on Tobacco.

SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU : Mr. Speaker, Sir, thousands of tobacco growers in Andhra Pradesh are resorting to agitation. They are going in for *rasta roko* and such other agitations because they are not getting remunerative prices.

The Gujral Committee recommendations are there for a price stabilisation fund for intervention of the Government to ensure a minimum support. The traders have also formed a syndicate and are controlling the prices at the lowest levels. All the farmers have boycotted this move of the traders and formed a platform for agitation. This is the scenario prevailing in Andhra Pradesh.

Recently, the Ministry of Commerce of the Government of India appointed a Prabir Sengupta Committee to go into the functioning of the Tobacco Board and everything; but instead of asking for a price stabilisation fund and market intervention schemes to ensure remunerative prices for farmers, the Prabir Sengupta Committee recommended the abolition of the Tobacco Board. The Tobacco Board was started in 1975 after a big agitation by the farmers. In this scenario, we request the Government not to implement the Sengupta Committee recommendations and demand the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Gujral Committee Report to provide for a price stabilisation fund to ensure more remunerative prices to the tobacco farmers.

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY (BASIRHAT): Sir, the entire nation is proud of the glorious victory of the Indian cricket team against Pakistan in South Africa in the cricket World Cup. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: We have already congratulated the team.

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY : We are also proud of the excellent performance of our players in the World Cup. We convey our heartiest congratulations to the players of the Indian cricket team. I urge upon you and also request my hon. colleagues that we should adopt a Resolution to be moved from the Chair to express our gratitude and congratulations to our cricket players. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: We have already sent the message.

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY : This would boost the morale of our players and our players would be encouraged and we shall win the World Cup. ...(*Interruptions*)